

REMARKS

Claims 1-89 were pending. Claims 4-52, 57-70, 72 and 73 are cancelled. Claims 90-97 have been added. Claims 1, 2, 53, 56, 71, 74, 79, 87, and 88 are amended. Therefore, claims 1-3, 53-56, 71 and 74-97 are currently pending.

No new matter has been added. Claims 1, 2, 53, 56, 71, 74, 79, 87, and 88 have been amended to clarify the invention. Support for the amendments to claim 87 can be found in the specification as originally filed, for example, at least at in Table 2, pages 39-61. Support for new claims 90 and 91 can be found, for example, in the specification as originally filed at least at page 25, lines 3-25. Support for new claims 92-97 can be found, for example, in claim 71 as originally filed.

The Examiner has acknowledged that claims 52-56, 71 and 89 are directed to allowable subject matter. The claims, as currently amended, are directed to subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, the rejection of the claims 1-3, 51, and 74-88 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (a) is moot in view of Applicants' amendments.

Cancellation of and/or amendments to the claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's objections and/or rejections. The cancellation of and amendments to the claims are being made solely to expedite prosecution of the above-identified application. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the present or another patent application. The amendments made to the claims are not related to any issues of patentability.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If there are any remaining issues or the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Elizabeth A. Hanley at (617) 227-7400.

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